

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 29, 2021

### **Sector Guidance Updated**

The Oregon Health Authority issued updated guidance for Recreation and Indoor Fitness Establishments and Entertainment Establishments today. Please visit the Oregon Health Authority website at: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19> for more information and the specific guidance documents.

### **City Hall Day**

The Mayor, Councilor Boone and City Manager attended the virtual City Hall Day at the Capital on Thursday. Over 200 local officials from 82 cities attended the sessions which included a briefing on League Legislative priorities and discussions with Legislative leadership and the Governor.

### **Youth Advisory Council Meeting**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. They will be discussing their presentation to the City Council regarding the If I Were Mayor contest and make preparations for attending the virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Youth Summit on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **\$500 Reward Issued**

In response to a rash of graffiti throughout the community, the City has issued a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for the vandalism. The graffiti (tagging) would appear and City Staff would remove or cover it and in some cases the tag would be back the next day. The vandals tagged the Swinging, Chambers, Centennial and Silk Creek Bridges, facilities in Bohemia Park and Coiner Park, informational panels in Veterans Park and several other locations throughout the City. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Cottage Grove Police Department at (541) 942-9145, ext. 1.

### **Cottage Grove Business Surviving the COVID Closures Meeting**

The City Manager has invited all Cottage Grove Businesses that have been closed or restricted by the Governor's orders to a meeting to discuss possible things the City can do to help them and their business to survive. The City is limited in our resources, but we are very concerned and have expressed it to the Governor's Office and to our State Legislators that even the resources of the State will be insufficient to fix the damage that has been done to small local businesses.

In an effort to make sure what the City does on the local level can truly be helpful the City Manager wishes to meet with local businesses impacted and discuss some of the City's ideas and collect other ideas that could be considered to try to make a difference. The two meetings will be held - one on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and the other session on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Businesses are encouraged to join whichever session works best or they can attend both session if they desire.

### **Community Sharing Warming Shelters**

The Community Sharing Warming Shelters were open twice during the week, first on Monday evening and then on Thursday evening. The temperatures dropped below what was expected on Monday while on Thursday evening the forecast changed and the temperatures did not drop as low as originally forecasted but because the activation was already confirmed the shelters opened. Monday night brought nine guests and Thursday night brought seven guests to the shelter facility. Community Sharing continues to seek volunteers to help with making the Warming Shelter project a success. Please contact Mike or DeForest at Community Sharing at (541) 942-2176 to volunteer or visit the Warming Shelter web page at: [https://communitysharing.org/?page\\_id=723](https://communitysharing.org/?page_id=723) for more information. Both nights the guest were extremely appreciative of the cabins. Thank you to everyone that made the project a success.

### **Ompa, Ompa**

Enter to win a Sanity Chocolate Virtual Factory Tour and tasting kit. The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and Sanity Chocolate are partnering on a promotion to assist our local restaurants. All you have to do is: **Order** from your favorite local restaurant; **Drop by** the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce with you receipt and **Pick a Chocolate** – if your chocolate has a gold foil you will be entered to win. Sorry there will be no boat rides in a chocolate river or mean squirrels to haul you away only a great prize for the winner. The contest begins Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The drawing for the prize will be a Facebook Live event on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

*Quote of the Week:*

*“Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.”*

*~Alexander Graham Bell~*